

The Honorable Kit Bond
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Bond:

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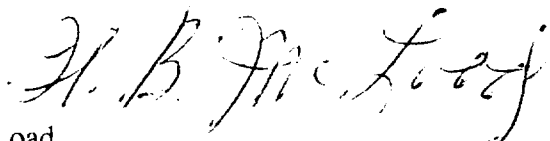
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The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
293 Russell Office Building
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Feb 2, 1993

Dear Senator Bond:

I am William K. McMenamy, member of The Saint Charles Saints Radio Control Model Airplane Club, and of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. As a member of these organizations I build and fly radio control model aircraft, and participate in many scheduled events such as fun flies hosted by the International Miniature Aircraft Association. I spend thousands of hours and thousands of dollars every year enjoying this hobby.

It has now been brought to my attention by the Academy of Model Aeronautics that my enjoyment of this hobby has been placed in serious jeopardy by a rules change proposed by the Federal Communication Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If these rules are adopted it will greatly reduce the useability of frequencies assigned for model use and greatly increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

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When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of other operators, spectators, and property. Many of our safety precautions involve the coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of useable frequencies is reduced by the FCC proposal,

congestion will occur and the margin for safety will be greatly reduced.

Please understand that the model aircraft that I fly have wingspans of up to 90 inches and weight up to 20 pounds, are powered by a 4 horse power gasoline engine turning an 18 inch diameter propeller at 7500 rpms reaching speeds of up to 100 miles per hour. So you can easily see that SAFETY is the most important consideration when building and flying model AIRCRAFT.

I do not think it is wise for the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think modelers engaged in a hobby are as important as commercial business users, but myself as well as thousands of others have considerable time and money invested in our equipment, which is secondary to the safety considerations. In addition, these rules changes will not only affect the hobbyist, but the entire modeling industry.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to implement the proposed rules changes for the 72-76MHz band.

Sincerely,

Lawrence K. McQuinn
9110 1st Ave. S.E.
Seattle, WA 98106

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Dear Senator Bond:

I enjoy many hours spent in building and flying radio controlled model airplanes. We fly from a field at Lake Jacomo.

I am very concerned about rules that are currently under consideration by the F.C.C. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling such models.

On any given week-end there is usually hundreds of spectators watching us fly. One person in that crowd using a land mobile unit with the new proposed frequencies could cause loss of control of the model, some of which weigh as much as 30 or

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I have been interested in flying since I was a child. I am a full-scale pilot and also a model airplane pilot flying by radio control. I am very active with our local model aviation club and enjoy both constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. Members of our club devote many hours introducing the hobby to young and old alike, providing free instruction to new pilots, and giving building tips to all club members. The Mid-Missouri Radio Control Club puts on several model airplane shows each summer and fall at our commercial airport and the airport near the state Capitol. We participate in Memorial Day activities, visit schools in our area, travel around the state, and participate with other clubs at flying contests.

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When we fly our airplanes, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the pilot, the aircraft, other pilots flying simultaneously, and the spectators watching us fly. Many of our safety precautions involve assuring a clear radio frequency. This means impounding radios of non-flying pilots so that accidental signals cannot cause an aircraft to crash out of control. If the "safe" frequencies are reduced from 50 to 11, the remaining frequencies will become congested, thus reducing the margin of safety

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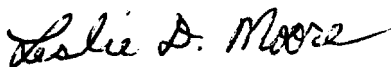
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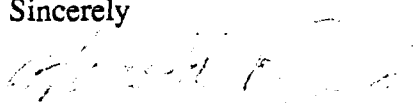
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The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of a least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 745 MHz band (for R/C cars).

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It is a sizable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 720.86MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting the proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Bennett". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Doug Bennett
President, R.C. Club

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February 4, 1993

The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
293 Russell Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bond:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own several radios, R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either user interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 kHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 kHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993, after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely



DAVID MCINTIRE
220 W. CULTON ST.
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David L. McIntire".

The Honorable Kit Bond
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington D. C. 20510

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February 1, 1993

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Dear Senator Bond:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active with a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. Members of the local model airplane club offer countless hours of free instruction and building tips to assist new pilots. The club also puts on one heck of a model airplane show each summer at a commercial airport, participates in Memorial Day festivities at our local airport, visits grade schools for demonstrations, travels around the state participating in other clubs events and lots, lots more.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will be closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies. If the number of frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety greatly increased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have a wingspan of up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30-40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We need use of our full compliment of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. Radio equipment for each pilot cost on the average of \$250.00 and up, per radio. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment for thousands of people and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely



Chad Stretz

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302 B Douglas
Ashland, MO 65010

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February 1, 1993

The Honorable Harold Volkmer
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Volkmer:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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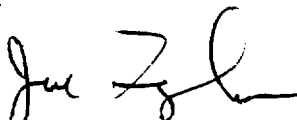
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Sincerely



Joe Fangohr

Joe Fangohr
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Columbia, MO 65202

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Jan 28, 1993

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to let you
know of a pending matter with
the F. C. C. I am a retired federal
Employee and as you know short on money.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I am short on money

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted

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January 20, 1993

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable Christopher (Kit) Bond
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

I have spent many years of enjoyment constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I belong to several local clubs whose members share a common interest. Between the building tools, airplane kits, radios, engines, finishing materials, all add up to a large investment. Joy abounds by the camaraderie that develops between father and son or daughter, grandfather and grandchildren by building and operating their model together. Kids sharing the hobby with an adult, learn how to use their hands and minds. Kids in R/C hobby aren't gang members!

I am very concerned about what has been proposed by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for radio control model usage. It will increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio controlled frequencies are in the 72/76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. Presently our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we co-exist by not interfering with one another.

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In supervised R/C model operation safety is paramount, for the spectators, operators, and property. Coordination of radio frequencies used simultaneously dictates our safety control and are strictly observed. Reduction of frequencies increases chances of accidents due to adjacent channel interference.

I think its unfair for the FCC to consider expanding the operations of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio control modelers. The FCC must think we are not as worthy of radio frequency usage as the user of business radio. As individuals our power is how we vote, as an industry we contribute a sizable income to our nation. None of what we do contributes to the sales of drugs or the delinquency of children. The mobile communications industry can't say that. Is this going to be another scenario of the big guy and his paid lobbyist wins again? I hope not because I have faith in you that's why I'm appealing to you for your help

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